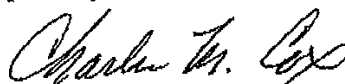


REMARKS

The paragraph at page 3, lines 9-13 has been amended by replacement with a paragraph that reinserts the word "aliphatic," this is to moot a new matter rejection that the Examiner mentioned as a possibility during her October 28, 2003 telephone inquiry. Following that telephone inquiry the application was reviewed in order to prepare to respond to certain questions the Examiner had posed and the next day October 29, 2003 a call was placed to the Examiner. During the discussions, Applicant understood that the Examiner viewed the application as describing two embodiments of the invention, one wherein the formulation comprised at least 95% aliphatic hydrocarbons and the second wherein the formulation comprised a mixture of alkyl benzenes and normal petroleum hydrocarbons. It was further understood that the Examiner did not view the claims as pending as reading upon Example 1 of the application since all claims seemed to describe only the first embodiment of the invention. Accordingly, the claims have now been amended to describe the second embodiment, namely wherein the formulation comprises a mixture of alkyl benzenes and normal petroleum hydrocarbons. It is hoped that these amendments will be viewed favorably and place the case in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss the claims as amended, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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